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Application No.: 09/613,439) Examiner: Unknown
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
FACILITATING HEMOSTASIS OF)
BLOOD VESSEL PUNCTURES)
WITH ABSORBABLE SPONGE)

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 61-65 as follows:

- 1 26 61. (New) A method for facilitating hemostasis of a puncture in the wall of a
2 blood vessel, the method comprising:
3 loading an introducer with a pledget of a hemostatic material, wherein the
4 loaded pledget is located in a distal end of the introducer;
5 advancing the introducer with the loaded pledget through a tissue tract
6 extending from a patient's skin to the puncture in the wall of the blood vessel without
7 advancing the pledget relative to the introducer;

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